

application number 09/157,605 filed September 21, 1998.

DRAWINGS

The drawings were objected to under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.83 (a) for failing to show an occluder and tether as claimed in Claims 10-12. Applicants have removed any reference to an occluder and a tether in Claims 10-12 by way of the present amendment. Therefore, applicants request that the objection to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.83(a) be withdrawn.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

In the Office Action of June 28, 2002, the specification was objected to for failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the tether and occluder as set forth in Claims 10-12. In the present amendment, applicants have removed any reference to an occluder and a tether in Claims 10-12. Applicants have not amended the specification. As such, applicants request that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1 and 10 as indicated on the attached sheets which show the particular claim amendments. The claims as amended are presented below. All pending claims are presented